

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
IN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1986

RESOLUTION NO. 86 - 00212 (SUB A), As Amended

Title: A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE PARAMOUNT RIGHT TO LIFE
Convention History:

Recommended for First Passage by Committee on Citizens
Rights

First Passage: June 3, 1986

Recommended for Second Passage (as amended) by the
Committee on Style and Drafting

RESOLVED: The Rhode Island Constitutional Convention of 1986 hereby approves Resolution No. 86-00212 (SUB A), to be included in the proposed constitutional rewrite, Resolution No. 86-00042 (Sub B), as amended, as follows:

SECTION 1. (A) Resolution No. 86-00212 (SUB A) shall take its place as a new article of the proposed rewrite, as follows:

"ARTICLE XVI

"THE PARAMOUNT RIGHT TO LIFE

"We, the people, declare:

"Section 1. All human beings, including their unborn offspring at every stage of their biological development beginning with fertilization, are persons who are protected in their inalienable and paramount right to life, without regard to age, health, function, or condition of dependency.

"Section 2. No unborn person shall be deprived of life by any person; provided, however, that nothing in this amendment shall prohibit the justified use of only those medical procedures required to prevent the death of either the pregnant woman or her unborn offspring as long as every reasonable effort was made to preserve the life of each.

"Section 3. No governmental funds from whatever source and whether held in trust or otherwise, shall be appropriated or expended for the performance, funding, facilitation, or promotion of induced abortion.

"Section 4. Until the unborn person is protected or allowed to be protected as a person with regard to the right to life under the Constitution of the United States either by its amendment or by federal judicial decision, conduct that is in conflict with sections 1, 2 or 3 of this article is covered by those sections only if the state is permitted by that Constitution to regulate that conduct.

"Section 5. The provisions of this article shall be enforced to the maximum extent consistent with the supreme law of the land.

"Section 6. If any part, clause or section of this article shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remaining provisions, parts or sections shall not be affected."

(B) If the proposed rewritten constitution is not approved, then said Resolution No. 86-00212 (SUB A) shall be added to the existing Constitution as an article of amendment

thereto, and all provisions of the Constitution inconsistent therewith would be annulled.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect upon voter approval.

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86-00212 (SUB A) AS AMENDED

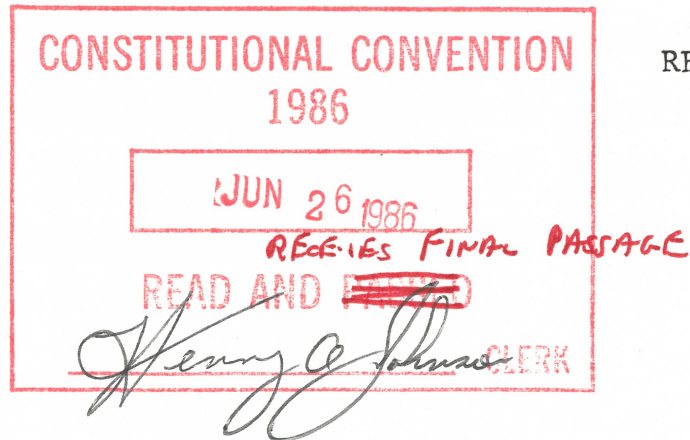
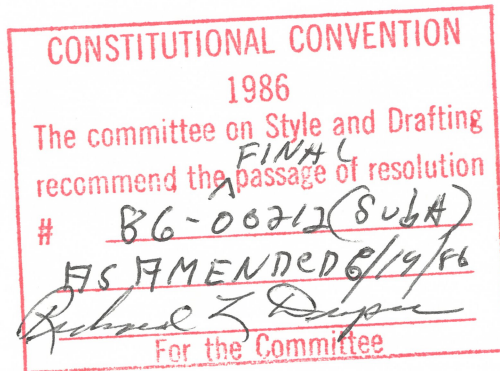
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